

# Prisoners Shift Gears at the Indiana Department of Correction

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Indianapolis, Indiana - (August 4, 2006) - Commissioner J. David Donahue is pleased to announce another exciting work skills development program that will benefit offenders and communities. The Department of Correction is partnering with The [Bicycle Garage Indy](#), and [Volunteers of America](#) to collect donated bicycles from the general public and refurbish them at the Pendleton Correctional Facility and the Indiana State Prison.

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All donations of bicycles will be received by Volunteers of America and will become fully tax deductible for the donor.

"This represents another fine example of public-private collaboration that serves the most at need in our community. I applaud Commissioner Donahue's creativity in recognizing novel ways that organizations can work together to address community need," said Timothy Campbell President/C.E.O. Volunteers of America of Indiana Inc.

"BGI is excited to be a part of this project along with our partners at the Indiana Department of Correction and Volunteers of America. There are many good things that will come from this project and

I am confident it will be highly successful," Randy Clark, Founder and President of Bicycle Garage Indy.

BGI has two locations where bicycles can be donated: Bicycle Garage Indy - North, 4130 East 82nd Street, Indianapolis or at Bicycle Garage Indy - South, 997 East County Line Road, Greenwood.

“Not only will the program develop valuable work skills among inmates but the refurbished bicycles will be donated to a variety of not-for-profit organizations who will distribute them where needs exist but financial resources do not,” added Donahue.

### **About The Department of Correction**

The Department employs over 8,000 employees and houses 24,000 adult and juveniles in 32 facilities, ranging from minimum to maximum custody, prison camps, juvenile facilities and work release centers. The Department's home page on the Internet can be found at: <http://www.in.gov/indcorrection>. The Department's Re-entry Site can be found: <http://www.reentry.in.gov>.

